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SUBJECT: IFAD-ECOSOC NEGOTIATIONS

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1. SUMMARY: MISSION UNABLE TO DEFER INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AS INSTRUCTED AND ANNOUNCED IT WITHDRAWING FROM ACTING PARTICIPATION. ECOSOC COMMITTEE CONTINUED TO REVIEW NEW YORK G-77 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS COVERING ARTICLES 4 THROUGH 6. NEXT INFORMAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 25. COMMITTEE TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY ON TUESDAY, APRIL 26, AND PROPOSES TO BEGIN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS EITHER ON APRIL 27 OR 28. END SUMMARY.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS, USDEL MADE RENEWED EFFORTS TO DEFER INFORMAL DISCUSSION BY THE ECOSOC COMMITTEE OF THE PROPOSED UN/IFAD AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER THE ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY. WHEN THIS PROVED UNACCEPTABLE, AND BASED ON PREVIOUS INFORMAL CONSULTA-
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TIONS WITH CHAIRMAN MAHGOUB AND OTHER KEY DELS, U.S. REP ANNOUNCED THAT WE WOULD NOT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THESE DISCUSSIONS, THAT WE WOULD REFER THE VARIOUS REVISIONS PROPOSED TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION, THAT WE VIEWED THE IFAD DRAFT AS THE END PRODUCE OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, AND THAT IT SHOULD BE ASSUMED THAT WE RESERVED OUR POSITION

ON ALL PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THIS DRAFT. (COMMENT: BOTH CHAIRMAN MAHGOUB AND THE G-77 SPOKESMAN INDICATED THAT THEY FULLY UNDERSTOOD OUR HESITATION TO REOPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AGREEMENT AND APPRECIATED THE POSTURE WE WERE ASSUMING FOR THESE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS.)

3. COMMITTEE THEN BEGAN DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE 4 (CONSULTATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS). G-77 PROPOSED TO DIVIDE THIS ARTICLE INTO TWO PARTS DEALING RESPECTIVELY WITH COORDINATION AND COOPERATION, AND CONSULTATION RECOMMENDATIONS. TEXT OF PROPOSED G-77 DRAFT TRANSMITTED BELOW. WEO RESPONSE IN GENERAL WAS THAT PROPOSED REVISION WAS SO EXTENSIVE THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE NEW INSTRUCTIONS AND THAT DELEGATES THEREFORE COULD NOT COMMENT SUBSTANTIVELY. FRENCH RAISED QUESTION OF CITING GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ECOSOC RESOLUTIONS IN THE TEXT OF A RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT AND ASKED THE UN LEGAL SECTION TO COMMENT ON THE IMPLICATION OF DOING SO.

4. WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE 5 (INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS) G-77 PROPOSED USING THE TEXT OF THE FAO AGREEMENT (ARTICLE 5 - EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS). FRENCH ARGUED THAT PARA 1 OF IFAD TEXT DEALT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND SHOULD BE MOVED TO ARTICLE 11. NETHERLANDS JOINED G-77 IN SAYING THAT THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF THE IFAD DRAFT WERE TOO RESTRICTIVE. ONLY THE FRG ARGUED AGAINST THIS VIEW ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE FUNCTIONS OF IFAD AND FAO WERE SUBSTANTIALLY DIFFERENT AND THAT THE CONFIDENTIALITY PROVISIONS OF IFAD WERE MORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPORTANT.

5. WITH REGARD TO ARTICLE 6 (STATISTICAL SERVICES), G-77 PROPOSED MERGING THE IFAD TEXT WITH ARTICLE 10 (STATISTICAL SERVICES) OF THE IBRD AGREEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) PARA 1 - PARA 2 OF IBRD AGREEMENT;
- (B) PARA 2 PARA 1 OF IFAD DRAFT;
- (C) PARA 3 - PARA 5 OF IBRD AGREEMENT;
- (D) PARA 4 - PARA 2 OF IFAD DRAFT.

6. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO RESUME ITS INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON MONDAY, APRIL 25. PREPCOM CHAIRMAN AL-SUDEARY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN NEW YORK EARLY THAT DAY BUT THE COMMITTEE PROPOSES TO DEFER MEETING INFORMALLY WITH HIM UNTIL TUESDAY, APRIL 26. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS WILL BEGIN EITHER APRIL 27 OR 28.

7. QUOTE ARTICLE IV BIS

CONSULTATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THE FUND, HAVING REGARD TO THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN ARTICLE 55 OF THE CHARTER AND THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, UNDER ARTICLE 62 OF THE CHARTER, AND RESOLUTIONS 3202 (S-VI) SECTION IX (PARA 2 AND 3) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND 1768 (LIV) OF THE COUNCIL, HAVING REGARD ALSO TO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS, UNDER ARTICLES 58 AND 63 OF THE CHARTER, TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND RECOGNIZING THE FUNCTIONS AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL ACCORDING TO RESOLUTIONS XXII OF THE WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE AND 3348 (XXIX) AND 3362 (S-VII) SECTION V OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AGREES TO ARRANGE FOR THE CONSIDERATION SOON AS POSSIBLE, TO THE APPROPRIATE ORGAN OF THE FUND, OF ALL FORMAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS MAY MAKE TO IT.

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2. THE FUND AGREES TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS UPON REQUEST WITH RESPECT TO SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS,

AND IN DUE COURSE TO REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ON THE ACTION
TAKEN BY THE FUND OR BY ITS MEMBERS TO GIVE EFFECT TO SUCH RECOMME-
NDATIONS, OR ON THE OTHER RESULTS OF THEIR CONSIDERATION.

ARTICLE IV

CO-ORDINATION AND CO-OPERATION

1. THE FUND RECOGNIZES THE CO-ORDINATING ROLE AND
GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND
THE NEED FOR POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN
THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE FUND. ACCORDINGLY, THE FUND AGREES
TO CO-OPERATE IN WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO MAKE
CO-ORDINATION OF THE POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THOSE OF THE ORGANS AND AGENCIES WITHIN THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM FULL EFFECTIVE. THE FUND AGREES FURTHER TO
PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF ANY UNITED NATIONS BODIES WHICH HAVE BEEN
ESTABLISHED OR MAY BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING
SUCH CO-OPERATION AND CO-ORDINATION, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH
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MEMBERSHIP IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO-ORDINATION.

2. THE UNITED NATIONS RECOGNIZES THAT THE ACTION TO BE TAKEN
BY THE FUND ON ANY LOAN OR GRANT IS A MATTER TO BE
DETERMINED BY THE FUND'S OWN JUDGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE AGREEMENT AND WITHIN THE OVERALL POLICY GUIDELINES
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